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FRIDAY 8/23/96 OI NO. 109

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FOR AMBASSADOR CHRISTOPHER R. HILL

ACTION REQUEST -- DOD EXCESS EQUIPMENT

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1. (SBU) I FAXED A CABLE WITH SUBJECT LINE: DOD EXCESS PROPERTY/DEFENSE ARTICLES FROM IFOR AS WELL AS THE AGENDA FOR THE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 MEETING IN STUTTGART. THE EMBASSY MAY WANT TO CONSIDER SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE. THE MEETING IS BASICALLY TO DRAW UP A LIST OF WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT I GET THE SENSE THAT SOME DECISIONS MAY BE MADE AS TO HOW TO DIVIDE UP THE PIE.

2. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: THE FM REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STUTTGART CONFERENCE WANTED TO HAVE AN IDEA BY MONDAY NOON WASHINGTON TIME OF WHAT EQUIPMENT VARIOUS CLAIMANTS MIGHT WANT -- THIS LIST COULD BE FAIRLY GENERAL (I.E. DISPOSABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, TENTS, SMALL ARMS). MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS ARE IN PARA. 4 SOME THINK IT WOULD BE EASIER TO FIRST SEE A LIST OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND THEN MAKE REQUESTS, HOWEVER. . .

3. (SBU) ACCORDING TO FEDERAL LAW, ANY FEDERAL AGENCY IS THE FIRST CLAIMANT; AFTER THAT IT PROBABLY BOSNIA WILL GET MUCH OF WHAT'S LEFT. I'M TRYING TO KEEP MACEDONIA IN THE PICTURE BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF CLAIMANTS OUT THERE (TRAIN AND EQUIP, DEMINING, UNHCR, ETC.). PLEASE CALL MONDAY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. WE SHOULD DISCUSS.

4. (C) FOLLOWING IS AN E-MAIL FROM FM CONCERNING THE AUGUST 23 MEETING ON EDA:

BEGIN E-MAIL

TURK MAGGI (PM) IS LEAVING MONDAY AFTERNOON FOR STUTTGART MEETING AND WOULD APPRECIATE SOME NOTIONAL LISTS OF
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REQUIREMENTS FROM ALL GROUPS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN IFOR WITHDRAWAL EXCESS DISPOSAL. INTERESTED GROUPS WE ARE AWARE OF AT 1500 MEETING TODAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
FEDERAL AGENCIES (FOR OFFICIAL USE IN OFFICES/OFFICIAL RESIDENCES)

- STATE (A - SANDY CRUMPTON) NOTE: NICK NIXON, ADMIN OFFICER FROM BONN, WILL ATTEND STUTTGART AS PAT KENNEDY'S PERSONAL REP

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HUMANITARIAN/SECURITY AND MILITARY
DEMINEING (PAT PATEIRNO HAS FURNISHED NOTIONAL LIST OF
REQUIREMENTS)
T&E (EUR/TMS)
WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL (USUN/W)
IPTF (INL)
UNHCR (PRM)
REAL PROPERTY COMMISSION (EUR/SABI - MCKINLEY)
WOMEN'S INITIATIVE (PRM-SCHECHTER)
COMMISSION ON THE MISSING (DRL - BIGUS?)

E. SALVONIA/UNTAES (IO/PHO)
MACEDONIA (EUR/SCE - KLEINWAKS) BOTH HUMANITARIAN AND
MILITARY
FRY (EUR/SCE)
CROATIA (EUR/SCE)
HUNGARY

REMINDER - THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE GIVEN "AS IS, WHERE IS"
SO THAT RECIPIENT MUST HAVE MEANS TO TRANSPORT IT OUT OF
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BOSNIA AND MAKE ANY REPAIRS NECESSARY. MANUALS, IF
AVAILABLE, ARE ONLY IN ENGLISH; NO TOOLS OR SPARES ARE
GIVEN. WE NEED TO CONSIDER PAST EXPERIENCE WHERE
FOREIGNERS ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT EQUIPMENT FROM RICH
AMERICAN IS WORN AND THE U.S. MILITARY WILL NOT RETURN TO
REPAIR IT WHEN IT BREAKS DOWN. COMPUTERS AND ELECTRICAL
EQUIP ARE LIKELY TO BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH EUROPEAN
SOFTWARE AND 220 CURRENT. SOME HAVE TRIED TO TAKE
"EXTRAS" FOR CANNIBILIZATION BUT THE PART WHICH BREAKS
DOWN IN THE FIRST JEEP IS LIKELY TO HAVE BROKEN IN THE
SECOND, CANNIBALIZATION SOURCE AS WELL.
T&E MAY HAVE EDGE HERE IN THAT M&RI IS CONTRACTED TO DO
TRAINING ON ALL NEW SYSTEMS' MAINTENANCE AND WILL HAVE A
SECURITY RELATION SHIP SET UP FOR SUSTAINMENT EVENTUALLY.

GET NOTIONAL LISTS OF YOUR CLIENTS' INTERSTS AND
REQUIREMENTS TO KAREN MCISAAC (COPY TO ME) IN PM/ATEC

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HOLD YOURSELVES READY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FIELD
ON WEDNESDAY AS TURK CALLS BACK HOME FROM THE MEETING
WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

END E-MAIL

BEST REGARDS
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